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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF:

**William J. Curatolo, et al.**

SERIAL NO.: **09/577,059**

: EXAMINER: **R. Dewitty**

FILED: **May 22, 2000**

: ART UNIT: **1616**

FOR: **Controlled-Release Dosage  
Forms of Azithromycin**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on March 26, 2003, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which was set to expire on June 26, 2003, be extended by 3 months, such that it expires on September 26, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$930.00 as provided for under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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